

be paid by the said lessee or owner of such lot, which shall be a lien upon said lot or lots.

Aldermen empowered to prohibit porches, &c., encroaching on sidewalk.

SEC. 55. That the aldermen may prohibit the erection of porches, porticoes, piazzas, or steps in front of dwellings or other buildings, so as to encroach upon or obstruct the sidewalks, and in the case of such porches, porticoes, piazzas and steps heretofore built, the aldermen may prescribe the size, length and width of such whenever rebuilt, and if practical prohibit their construction. The

Cellars under sidewalk.

aldermen may also prohibit the construction of cellars under the sidewalks and the building of an entrance on the sidewalks to any basement or cellar, whereby free and unobstructed passage may be delayed, hindered or interfered, and every person who shall construct such cellar under the sidewalk, establish entrance to basement or cellar from said sidewalks shall forfeit and pay to the use of the city one dollar for every day the same may remain.

Penalty.

Public square.

SEC. 56. That the board of aldermen of the city of Salem may receive and hold by gift, donation, bequest, or purchase, any land or lands within the city limits for a public square or park, for the use of the city and improve the same: *Provided, however,* that nothing in this section shall be construed to give them power to incur a corporation or bonded debt therefor.

Prevention of fires, fire companies, &c.

SEC. 57. That the board of aldermen shall have power to establish ordinances to prevent and extinguish fires, to provide for the establishment, organization, equipment and government of fire companies, provide said company or companies with fire engine, fire hose, and necessary appurtenances, and that in all cases of fire a majority of such of the board of aldermen as shall be present may if they deem it necessary to stop the progress of the fire cause any dwelling house or other buildings to be blown up or pulled down, for which they shall not be responsible to any one for damages.

Penalty incurred by minor, how collected.

SEC. 58. That all penalties incurred by any minor for the breach or violation of this act, or any ordinance or